

which might have seemed impossible of attainment for a man of his views ; for there is no masking the fact that he was a paradoxer pure and simple, his main conviction being that the Moon did not rotate, and his main astronomical aim in life being to convince others, and especially young men not hardened in the opposite belief, of their grave error. To this end he made diagrams, constructed models, and wrote poems ; bearing with heroic cheerfulness the continual disappointment of finding none of them of any avail. He has, however, done excellent work apart from this unfortunate misunderstanding. He was an excellent lathe-worker ; he has written on the geometry of lathe-work, on the laws of motion, on the methods by which the Pyramids were built, on harmonic motion, cycloidal curves, &c. He never married, but leaves a large number of nephews and nieces.

The REV. BARTHOLOMEW PRICE was born at Coln St. Dennis, Gloucestershire, 1818. He was educated privately, and at Pembroke College, Oxford, obtaining a first class in mathematics in 1840, the year when at Cambridge Leslie Ellis was Senior Wrangler, to be followed in the next three years by Stokes, Cayley, and Adams successively. Price gained the University Mathematical Scholarship in 1842, and two years later was elected Fellow of his college. In 1844 he became tutor, and ten years later Sedleian Professor of Natural Philosophy. In 1852 appeared the first volume of his elaborate work on the Infinitesimal Calculus ; the fourth and last was not published until ten years later. At this time he was doing the greater part of the mathematical teaching in the University, and he was examiner eleven times in twenty-four years. But in 1868 he became Secretary to the University Press, and his success in that capacity was so great that he became gradually absorbed in this new sphere of usefulness. He practically made the Press what it is, increasing its business and its income enormously, and it is for this work that he will perhaps be chiefly remembered. As time went on the affairs of the University passed more and more into his hands, and he became a member of nearly every Board or Council of importance in or representing the University. "The long yet crowded paragraph which announces the death of the late Master of Pembroke in the *University Gazette*," writes one who knew him well, in the *Oxford Magazine*, "is his best epitaph ; at once the most eloquent description of his life, and the best measure of what Oxford, what the country, what Church and State, Science and Education, have lost in losing him."

The paragraph is as follows :

"Died, on Thursday, December 29, 1898, at his lodgings in the college, BARTHOLOMEW PRICE, D.D., F.R.S., F.R.A.S., Master of the college, Honorary Fellow of Queen's College, Fellow of Winchester College, Sedleian Professor of Natural Philosophy 1853-1898. Secretary to the Delegates of the University Press

1868–1884, Member of the Hebdomadal Council 1855–1898, Curator of the University Chest, Curator of the Bodleian Library, Perpetual Delegate of the University Press, Delegate of the University Museum. Aged 80."

These, after all, are only some of his distinctions ; for instance, his appointment to the Mastership of Pembroke (made by the Chancellor of the University, Lord Salisbury, in his capacity of Visitor of the College, when the Fellows failed to decide between rival candidates) carried with it a Canonry at Gloucester, where Professor Price found time to reside for three months in each year, during the Long Vacation. And again, what is of more interest to us, he was nominated by the Royal Society in 1865 to serve as one of its six representatives on the Board of Visitors of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, and regularly attended the meetings of the Board up to last June. When the Oxford University Observatory was founded in 1874 Professor Price was put on the Board of Visitors as a matter of course ; and it was characteristic of him that he, with the Junior Proctor of the year, audited the observatory accounts from the first, and continued to do so until his death. In 1878, when a committee of three was appointed to consider the outstanding requirements of the new observatory, the three were the Professor of Astronomy, the Radcliffe Observer, and Professor Price. When any new measure was to be introduced for the furtherance of the interests of astronomy, or of science generally, Professor Price was nearly always the spokesman in congregation, just as he was generally expected to explain in congregation the bearings of any new measure dealing with financial concerns. In ways of this kind our late Fellow, though he contributed nothing to our astronomical knowledge directly, was yet a powerful ally. "He was regarded," says the writer above quoted, "both in Oxford and in London, as the best and surest friend of natural science. To no one are the museum and its departments more under obligation."

In 1857 Professor Price married Amy, daughter of Mr. William Cole, of Exmouth ; this lady and several sons and daughters survive him. He was elected a Fellow of this Society 1856 June 13.

HERBERT SADLER, son of the late Prebendary Sadler, was born in 1856. His grandfather was the M. T. Sadler, M.P., who first introduced factory legislation into Parliament in 1832. His mother was a daughter of Mr. Tidd-Pratt, the first Registrar-General of Friendly Societies. Herbert Sadler was educated at Sherborne (1870–73), and Queens' College Cambridge (1875–6). At the latter he held a small Exhibition for Hebrew. He did not take up any definite profession on leaving Cambridge, but did a good deal of miscellaneous scientific work. His knowledge of double-stars and double-star catalogues was astonishingly complete, and he had almost a passion for collating and correcting